

**Table 13.21-- TOP WEALTHHOLDERS: 1962 TO 1989**

[Top wealthholders are defined as persons with a gross estate in excess of specified amounts, rising from \$60,000 in 1962 to \$600,000 in 1989. All figures are estimates based on estate tax return samples]

| Group and year               | Number of top wealthholders | Millions of dollars |                     |           |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------|
|                              |                             | Total assets        | Debts and mortgages | Net worth |
| Gross estate over \$60,000:  |                             |                     |                     |           |
| 1962                         | 11,323                      | 1,908               | 231                 | 1,677     |
| 1969                         | 36,470                      | 6,327               | 1,090               | 5,236     |
| 1972                         | 53,700                      | 7,866               | 1,369               | 6,497     |
| Gross estate over \$120,000: |                             |                     |                     |           |
| 1976                         | 39,000                      | 7,436               | 1,546               | 5,890     |
| Gross estate over \$325,000: |                             |                     |                     |           |
| 1982                         | 20,300                      | 14,767              | 3,523               | 11,244    |
| Gross estate over \$500,000: |                             |                     |                     |           |
| 1982                         | 8,700                       | 10,864              | 2,919               | 7,946     |
| 1986                         | 11,000                      | 11,330              | 1,475               | 9,855     |
| Gross estate over \$600,000: |                             |                     |                     |           |
| 1989                         | 22,300                      | 28,393              | 2,447               | 25,947    |

Source: U.S. Internal Revenue Service, *Statistics of Income - 1962, Personal Wealth* (1967), pp. 55-56; *Statistics of Income - 1969, Personal Wealth* (1973), pp. 57-58; *Statistics of Income - 1972, Personal Wealth Estimated from Estate Tax Returns* (1976), table 33; and *Statistics of Income Bulletin*, Summer 1983, pp. 1-26, Spring 1988, pp. 31-46, Spring 1990, pp. 63-78, and Spring 1993, pp. 105-121.